

An Act for raising a Supply towards his Majesty's Service.

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Whereas the Invasion of the French, and their allied Indians, on his Majesty's Territories, on this Part of the Continent, is but too evident, from the Murders and Cruelties by them committed on divers good Subjects, and carrying others of them into Captivity; beside the Interruption of the Trade, which at all Times heretofore the British Subjects had carried on with the native Indians; and their building Forts and Fortifications on his Majesty's Dominions, on Places where they actually dispossessed the British Subjects, contrary to the Law of Nations, in Time of Peace; and from their Efforts, and Schemes, actually carrying into Execution to command the Continent of North America; Therefore to demonstrate our Duty to his Majesty, and to co-operate with our Fellow Subjects, in repelling these Attempts of our common Enemies, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

And be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby obliged, and directed, to issue out of the said Office, and make current, the Sum of Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, now signed in the said Office, and not yet emitted and made current, in such Sums, and at such Time and Times, as his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, shall think fit to Order, by Draft, or Drafts, under his Hand, on the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, for his Majesty's Service; and the said Commissioners are hereby directed, and obliged, to keep a distinct Account of the Payments of the said Sum of Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings. And for the more effectual answering the good Intentions of his Majesty's loyal Subjects the General Assembly of Maryland, it is also prayed that it may be further enacted,

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to pay out of the Bills of Credit now remaining in the Office, or which hereafter shall be repaid or received into the said Office, the Sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Four Pounds Fourteen Shillings, in Bills of Credit, to compleat the Sum of Seven Thousand Pounds, to the Order, or Orders, of his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; or the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, within this Province, for his Majesty's Service; and the same Payments shall keep in a distinct Account as paid for his Majesty's Service, by Virtue of this Act.